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April 22, 2025

# MEMO ENDORSED

**BY ECF**

The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl St.  
New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: *United States v. Brandenstein, 24 Cr. 121 (LAK)*

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Dear Judge Kaplan:

The Government respectfully writes on behalf of the parties to request an adjournment of the upcoming conference in this matter, which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2025. The Government is currently in the process of finalizing a plea agreement for the defendant and expects to provide such an agreement to the defense by the end of the week. The defense will then require additional time to review the agreement with their client and may seek to translate the agreement into German, their client's native language. Accordingly, the Government respectfully requests that the Court adjourn the upcoming conference for a period of thirty-days to permit the parties to finalize a plea agreement and for the defendant to review the agreement with counsel.

In addition, the Government requests, with the consent of the defendant, by and through defense counsel, that the Court exclude time through the date of the next conference under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), to permit the Government to finalize a plea agreement, for the defendant to review the agreement with counsel, and for the parties to confer regarding a pre-trial disposition.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cc: All Counsel of Record (by ECF)

SO ORDERED

LEWIS A. KAPLAN, USA

Conference adjourned  
and time excluded  
through 5/22/25 4pm  
at 4pm. Interv  
8 Justice served  
Tuesday or after  
Interv is def. +  
public in speedy  
trial by business  
reasons  
4/28/25